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FOR BROWN FROM SCHMIDT

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. IN RESPONSE TO THE AMBASSADOR'S TELEPHONE CALL THIS MORNING TO BILL LUERS, BASED ON OUR CHECKING HERE, IT SEEMS QUITE CLEAR THAT THE "ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL" WHO GAVE THE BACKGROUND BRIEFING AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON DECEMBER 20, AS REPORTED IN THE DECEMBER 21 WIRELESS FILE, WAS BRZEZINSKI. ALL THAT WE (AND THIS INCLUDES DAVID ANDERSON) CAN SAY IS THAT NO RPT. NO SCHEDULE, OR PROPOSED SCHEDULE, THAT WE HAVE SEEN INCLUDES THE POSSIBILITY OF A STOP AT THE ROYAL CASTLE OR "ROYAL PALACE."

2. WITH REGARD TO QUESTION OF THE SPECIAL GIFT, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A 19TH CENTURY POLISH PAINTING OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THE POLES WHICH ARMAND HAMMER IS PREPARED
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TO GIVE TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOR PRESENTATION TO THE POLES. PRESUMABLY, IT WOULD GO INTO THE CASTLE. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT WISH TO ACCEPT THE GIFT FOR TRANSMITTAL BECAUSE IT WOULD AMOUNT TO AN ENDORSEMENT OF HAMMER. THEREFORE, WE WILL DO OUR VERY BEST TO ARRANGE IT SO THAT AT MOST THE PAINTING IS LEFT WITH YOU FOR PRESENTATION TO THE POLES AT SOME LATER DATE, THUS NOT

ASSOCIATING IT DIRECTLY WITH THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT. WE WERE

UNABLE TO REACH AMBASSADOR DOBELLE ABOUT THIS TODAY BUT
WILL FOLLOW-UP WITH HIM EARLY NEXT WEEK.

3. MERRY CHRISTMAS. VANCE

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